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Superintendents:

As you are aware, the mathematics graduation requirement (vis-à-vis college admissions) is a high interest issue at the state level. Mathematics credits will be a topic of discussion this Legislative session. The State Board of Education (SBE) believes it is important to gather current information on mathematics offerings and the different settings and circumstances in which courses are taught. Therefore, in an effort to inform policy decision makers at the state level, the SBE is seeking your assistance on a statewide mathematics survey. We would like to know more about your local mathematics graduation requirements and how they are met in your schools. As you know, the state minimum graduation requirement for mathematics is two credits and your district may have further requirements.

Please go to the SBE web site at www.sbe.wa.gov to complete this survey online by **December 16, 2005**. Individual comments and results will be kept anonymous unless you give permission to share specific information. The SBE is anxious to receive your feedback. Please feel free to include your additional thoughts in the comments section at the end of the survey. The goal of this survey is to provide an accurate data-based picture of mathematics curriculum offerings and requirements across the state so that possible policy decisions are informed by other than anecdotal information.

Note to non-high school districts: There are 46 non-high school districts in Washington. Most of the survey questions will not apply to these districts. However, we would be interested in the non-high district answers to questions #4 and #5, as well as any comments regarding mathematics requirements and student achievement that you would like to share.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SBE Office at: phone 360-725-6025 or sbe@ospi.wednet.edu.

Thank you for your timely and informed assistance with this important survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Tolas".

Carolyn Tolas
President
State Board of Education